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SUBJECT: THE ROYAL ROAD TO DETENTE

1. WHILE QUEEN MARGRETHE'S RECENT VISIT TO THE USSR APPARENTLY WENT OFF WITH SUCCESS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SOVIETS' EFFORTS TO RECONCILE ROYALTY WITH REVOLUTION HIT AT LEAST ONE SNAG WITH THE DANISH COMMUNISTS. THE FINNISH MINISTER COUNSELOR HERE TELLS US THAT DENMARK'S COMMUNIST PAPER LAND OG FOLK PUBLISHED AN EDITORIAL CRITICIZING THE ROYAL VISIT IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR DURING THE VISIT. THE
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SOVIETS, ACCORDING TO THE FINN'S ACCOUNT, WERE SUFFICIENTLY

UPSET BY THIS THAT ONE DAY AFTER THE EDITORIAL APPEARED THE SOVIET MFA'S PRESS DEPARTMENT CALLED IN THE RESIDENT LAND OG FOLK CORRESPONDENT AND LODGED AN OFFICIAL PROTEST ABOUT THE PAPER'S COMMENTARY.

2. THE SWEDES TELL US THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE OFFICIALLY APPROACHED THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING A VISIT BY KING CARL GUSTAV. ACCORDING TO A SWEDISH FIRST SECRETARY MOSCOW HAS ASKED THAT THE VISIT BE SET FOR SOME TIME THIS YEAR, BUT THE SWEDISH EMBASSY BELEIVES IT WIL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AT LEAST 1976.

3. COMMENT. WITH THE LUXEMBOURG GRAD DUKE ARRIVING THIS WEEK AND THE BELGIAN KING COMING LATER THIS MONTH, THE SOVIETS--56 YEARS AFTER CZAR NICHOLAS II WAS SHOT IN THE CELLAR IN YEKATERINBURG--ARE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO BURYING THE HATCHET WITH MOST OF THE CROWNED HEADS OF EUROPE. MOREOVER, APPARENTLY THEY CONTINUE TO BE INTERESTED IN A VISIT BY THE BRITISH QUEEN; AND DURING THE VE DAY CELEBRATIONS, THEY ENTERTAINED MOUNTBATTEN, WHO IS RELATED TO THE LATE RUSSIAN EMPRESS ALEXANDRA AND WHO INSISTED ON VISITING THE KREMLIN APARTMENTS AND ALL THE LENINGRAD PALACES IN WHICH HE STAYED AS A CHILD. WHILE SOVIET EFFORTS TO LURE MONARCHY ARE NOT NEW, THEY CERTAINLY HAVE INTENSIFIED THIS YEAR--PRESUMABLY TO GIVE BREZHNEV SEVERAL CRESTED NOTCHES ON HIS DETENTE RIFLE BEFORE THE PARTY CONGRESS NEXT FEBRUARY.
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